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SUBJECT: MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUESTS FOR JORDAN

REF: A) AMMAN 3716 B) AMMAN 573 C) AMMAN 3901

1. P&B DATA: DOD HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE DATA ON APPROVED EQUIPMENT IN A TIMELY FASHION. THOSE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE. PROCESSING TIME IN MANY INSTANCES INVOLVES POLICY REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO P AND B REQUEST. OTHER FACTORS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL TIME ARE, IN VARIOUS CASES, NEED FOR: EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES OF ITEMS REQUIRED, EMBASSY'S JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST (E.G., TANKS), AND MORE SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT REQUESTED (E.G, THEODOLITES, MUST HOSPITAL).

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2. EXPEDITED DELIVERY: AS YOU RIGHTLY NOTE, EXPEDITED DELIVERY IS VERY DIFFICULT AREA. ADDITIONALLY, SOME EQUIPMENT IS CONFIGURED TO SPECIFIC NEEDS OF A RECIPIENT COUNTRY, AND CANNOT BE DIVERTED. AS YOU KNOW, EARLY DELIVERY OF M109A1B HOWITZERS TO JORDAN MEANT DELAYS IN DELIVERY FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. BENEFITS TO USG IN RELATIONS WITH ONE COUNTRY MAY BE OFFSET BY DISADVANTAGEOUS

REACTIONS FROM ANOTHER. WHILE UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUM-

STANCES SUCH DIVERSIONS OF EQUIPMENT FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER MAY BE NECESSARY FOR POLITICAL OR OTHER REASONS, WE BELIEVE THAT EXPEDITED DELIVERY IS GENERALLY A ZERO SUM GAME. WHEN GOJ SIGNS LOA IT REALIZES WHEN DELIVERY OF ITEM IS SCHEDULED AND SHOULD NOT NORMALLY EXPECT DELIVERY SOONER. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO DAMPEN INTEREST IN EXPEDITED DELIVERY WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

3. ADDITIONAL DELIVERY OF 8 INCH HOWITZERS TO JAF CANNOT BE ACCELERATED WITHOUT IMPACTING U.S. ARMY OR OTHER FMS RECIPIENTS. JORDAN IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE RECEIVING HOWITZERS SOON: EIGHT 8 INCH HOWITZERS (MAP) WILL BE SHIPPED TO JORDAN THIRD QUARTER CY 78; 5 (FMS CASE UJA) WILL BE PRODUCED THIRD QUARTER CY 79; 9 ADDITIONAL HOWITZERS (FMS CASE USA) FOURTH QUARTER CY 79; 5 MORE (FMS UTJ) IN FIRST QUARTER CY 81; AND 11 IN SECOND QUARTER CY 81. THUS, JORDAN IS RECEIVING THE NEXT EIGHT 8 INCH HOWITZERS PRODUCED AND WILL RECEIVE 38 OF 47 BEING PRODUCED FOR FOREIGN CUSTOMERS THROUGH SECOND QUARTER CY 81.

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ACCELERATION OF 155 SP HOWITZERS WOULD GAIN US ANY ADVANTAGE. TWO ADDITIONAL 155 HOWITZERS (MAP) ARE BEING DELIVERED NOW. DELIVERY OF REMAINING 155 HOWITZERS ORDERED UNDER CASE URX (30 HOWITZERS OF WHICH 6

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WERE EXPEDITED) IS AS FOLLOWS: 24 IN 2ND AND 3RD QUARTER CY 78. JORDAN WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 155 HOWITZERS (MAP) IN 3RD QUARTER CY 78. DELIVERY SCHEDULE OF 155S ORDERED UNDER CASE USK (36 HOWITZERS) IS: 18 IN 4TH QUARTER FY 78, 12 IN 1ST QUARTER 79, 3 IN 2ND QUARTER 79, AND 3 IN 3RD QUARTER 79. JORDAN WILL RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF HOWITZERS OVER THE NEAR TERM, SOME OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED AND DELIVERY WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 3RD QUARTER 79.

5. REDEYE/STINGER: AS YOU KNOW, REDEYE IS NOT IN PRODUCTION AND IT WOULD BE COST PROHIBITIVE TO REOPEN THE PRODUCTION LINE. NO REDEYES ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALREADY DEPLETED U.S. ASSETS. THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE WHEN REDEYE IS REPLACED BY FOLLOW-ON SYSTEM IN U.S. INVENTORY, AS REMAINING SHELF LIFE OF REDEYE AT THAT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT USING THEM FOR FMS. STINGER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FY 80. (RE REF C) IT IS UNLIKELY THAT STINGER WILL BE RELEASED OUTSIDE NATO. USG POLICY IS TO CONTROL CLOSELY SALE OF MANPAD SYSTEMS.FYI: IDENTICAL MESSAGE SENT EARLY APRIL IN RESPONSE TO SAUDI REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL REDEYE. END FYI. ISRAEL HAS BEEN DENIED STINGER.

6. AH-1S: THIS ISSUE WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPTEL.

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7. ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION:

A. STINGER/REDEYE: SEE PARA 5 ABOVE.

B. IMPROVED TWO VEHICLE, HELLFIRE MISSILE, AN/TPQ-37,
BATTERY COMPUTER SYSTEM: IN R AND D, NOT YET OPERATIONALLY
DEPLOYED WITH U.S. FORCES AND THUS COMMITMENT FOR SALE TO
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT PROHIBITED BY PRESIDENT'S CONVENTIONAL
ARMS TRANSFER POLICY; NOT AVAILABLE FOR FMS.

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C. F-16: RELEASE OF DATA ON ADVANCED AIRCRAFT TO ANY
COUNTRY REQUIRES HIGH LEVEL POLICY DECISION. WE ARE NOT
PREPARED TO SEEK SUCH A DECISION FOR JORDAN AT THIS TIME,
GIVEN THE CURRENT STATUS OF JORDAN'S F-5 FLEET AND PROJECTED
DELIVERY OF 22 F-5E/FS, APPROVED UNDER MAP. IN VIEW OF
JORDAN'S FUNDING PROBLEMS WE DID NOT THINK IT REALISTIC
THAT JORDAN WOULD SEEK TO ACQUIRE F-16 IN NEAR TERM.
WITH THE LACK OF FORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, NEED FOR
WHICH REQUEST WAS PRESENTED (INTERNAL MISSION PLANNING
ONLY - REF B) AND LIKELY FUNDING PROBLEM, WE HAVE NOT
SOUGHT POLICY DECISION ON RELEASE OF THIS DATA. CHRISTOPHER

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